

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:		Agenda Number	18.
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Meeting Date:	November 1, 2012
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award, negotiation and execution of a 12-month requirements supply and service contract with LCG CONSULTING for the purchase of a UPLAN software license and support services for Austin Energy in an estimated amount not to exceed \$178,000, with four 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$178,000 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$890,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$163,167 is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining one month of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Sole Source.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Art Acuna, Senior Buyer / 512-322-6307
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.
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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

This contract with LCG Consulting, Los Altos, CA, is for software licenses including on-going software maintenance and support services such as updates, technical support, error fixing, and general assistance. This software is integral to Austin Energy's (AE) market operations and is used for ERCOT market simulations, transmission analysis, energy and ancillary services modeling, optimal power flow and generation expansion. Without this software, AE would be unable to appropriately project physical and financial operations of the ERCOT market that are needed to develop fuel charge budget estimates, long-term resource planning and shorter term operational strategies.

LCG Consulting is the sole owner and developer of this proprietary software, which is designed to reflect the specific ERCOT market structure. Therefore, LCG Consulting is the sole source provider of the products and services to be provided under this contract.

The original contract for purchase of this software subscription was issued as a competitive solicitation in 2007.